

NOTICE.

The Subscription-price of the **DAILY BRITISH COLONIST** is reduced to 25 cents per week, delivered by Carriers within the City limits. A liberal discount upon this rate will be allowed on all subscriptions for three, six or twelve months, Cash in Advance.

The success of nations or colonies afflicted with bad governments has often appeared difficult of explanation; but to those accustomed to look beneath the surface, the source of their prosperity becomes easily apparent. They possessed some natural product, or some advantage of climate, that brought wealth to their doors in spite of government extravagance or neglect, and were in a manner forced, by outward influences, or the enterprise of strangers, to turn to account the advantages they possessed. Witness the Chinese, the Japanese, the Brazilians, and the numerous other peoples and communities whose internal resources have attracted the cupidity of the enterprising men of other nations; hence the enrichment of countries whose domestic policy would have appeared retrograde a hundred and fifty years ago. It is thus that this fine Colony will be gradually populated and developed if even the present bad condition of Government were to continue, although that, with the enlightened character of the people, is wholly out of the question. The large extent of our cultivable lands of the finest quality, our fine, healthy climate, our immense forests that produce the most valuable description of timber; our well known mineral riches, the limits of which are unknown,—each year adding to our list of new placer diggings for gold, silver mines, coal fields, and almost every other known mining product of value; our fisheries which are now being explored, and which with every new set of adventurers become more appreciated. All these have their influence notwithstanding misgovernment and vexatious Customs' regulations, although the two last obstacles do much to retard internal improvements of a permanent character, because people are slow to make their homes in a country where the laws act like brakes on the wheels of progress, and where the management of public affairs rests in the hands of a few men of contracted views and antiquated notions of good government. Amongst the numerous sources of wealth which this Colony contains, none is more important than the produce of our forests. Strange as it may seem, we have within the limits of this Colony more valuable timber than can be found on the whole Pacific Coast. It avails our neighbors nothing that high imposts are levied on our lumber in order to force their own knotty, brittle material on the market. If they collected a duty of fifty per cent *ad valorem* it would only tend to impoverish their own citizens, without in any material degree preventing the importation of our lumber. Whether owing to the soil, the climate, or from whatever cause, the fact is unquestionable: our pine lumber is of a very superior quality from its fineness and tenacity of texture, which renders it indispensable for certain uses; it is also more durable when subjected to exposure. It cannot be surprising, then, that our export of lumber, although quite in its infancy, amounted to the very large sum of \$184,135 last year, and, at a moderate estimate, will be at least doubled this year. We have now five saw-mills in operation, all engaged in the export trade; three at Burrard Inlet, one at Sooke and one at Saanich. But what are five mills? Some of the establishments on the Sound could produce as much lumber as the whole of them; but then we are only beginning to see the value of the trade, and ere long, twenty mills will be in full operation, and when we have fifty, our lumber will be equally saleable. Our only surprise is, that the white pine and cedar, of which we possess large quantities in the interior of the Island, have never been brought to market. They may not be so easy of transport to the seaboard as the ordinary pine, but the great demand for the first-named for shipbuilding purposes, and consequent high price, would largely remunerate the cost and trouble of hauling or rafting, and manufacture. We strongly urge the matter upon the attention of our enterprising lumbermen, as a sure and safe investment for their capital and labor. The great

value of the lumber as an article of export arises from the quantity of labor required in its production as an article of commerce, and hence the large proportion of clear profit that accrues to the Colony. The same advantages flow from our coal and gold mining; and these benefits will go on increasing until this Colony is freed from the trammels of irresponsible government, and men, having nothing in that respect to grumble at, will turn their whole attention to the development of the country. Bad government is retarding our progress, but it can never wholly check it. Riches are in store for those who diligently seek them; and we should be glad to see our most notorious grumblers the lucky discoverers.

THE WIRE spoke yesterday to some purpose, the budget of news brought being more than usually interesting to Colonial readers. The Conservatives, led by the late Premier, are prepared to present a bold front against the cardinal principles of the Government bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church; and about the only point they appear disposed to concede is the dissolution of the union between the English and Irish Churches. The Conservatives can scarcely dream of success in the face of the overwhelming odds the Liberals will bring against them; and a fight would be about the most Quixotic enterprise a party could well engage in. However the Mark Tapleyism of Disraeli is well known, and there is nothing like being "jolly" under the most adverse circumstances. Besides, the Conservatives must show fight or sink into oblivion. The Congressional news is quite exciting. Mr. Sumner, a leading Senator, who is supposed to represent the views of the Grant administration, has made a speech in the Senate upon the Alabama question. He claims that Great Britain owes the United States a much greater sum than that represented by the individual losses through the burning of so many ships by the privateers. Had the privateers never left British ports, the rebellion must have been crushed two years before it was; therefore the expense of conducting the war during the two last years of its continuance he believes to be partly chargeable to the Mother Country. The total value of the just claims of the United States he fixes at \$100,000,000. The Anti-Slavery movement began in England in the time of Lord Wilberforce. With equal force Mr. Sumner might send in a bill to recover the value of the slaves liberated by the American conflict, upon the principle that, the agitation having commenced in Great Britain, that country is to be held responsible for all the losses that years afterwards resulted from it. The American Government is aware that the "peace party" preponderates in Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet, and appears disposed to make the most of that preponderance; but because the policy of a country may be peace-to-day, it by no means follows that the policy of that country may not be war-to-morrow—a fact which Brother Jonathan may yet learn to his surprise. Mr. Lathrop Motley, the new American Minister to the Court of St. James, is the clever historian. He was Minister to Austria for several years, and is a gentleman of enlarged views and advanced ideas of the Golden Smith school.

The appointment of colored Ambassadors to three countries in which the colored element predominates, is a creditable act, and should the experiment—for it is only an experiment—prove successful, it will go further towards breaking down the barriers of prejudice and consolidating the conflicting elements in the United States than all the acts affecting the status of the negro that have yet been passed.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

HALF-WAY HOUSE,
SAANICH ROAD,
IS OPEN FOR THE RECEPTION OF
FISHING PARTIES
And the Public generally.

Good Beds and Accommodation for Man and Horse.

There are Boats on Prospect and Beaver Lakes for the use of Parties frequenting above House, FREE OF CHARGE.
JOHN STEVENSON, Proprietor.
Dated this 15th April, 1869. ap16

W. EMERY
Builder & Contractor,
Cor. Fort & Broad Sts.
VICTORIA, B. C. m16 1m

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.
"ROAD ORDINANCE, 1869."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the list of Persons liable to pay Road Tax within the Victoria City Road District, under the provisions of the Road Ordinance, 1869, is open for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Broad Street, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m.
WM. LEIGH, Collector.
City Council Chambers, Victoria, April, 15th, 1869. ap16

FOR PORTLAND,

THE NORTH PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION Co's steamer
GUSSIE TELFAIR
CAPT. SHOLL,
Will leave Broadrick's Wharf for Portland direct on or about Tuesday morning, the 13th inst.
For Freight or Passage apply to
H. BRODRICK, Agent. ap12

FOR SALE,
ONE SUPERIOR BAY MARE, VERY gentle, goes well in single or double harness and a first-rate riding hack for either lady or gentleman.
ONE CROCODON BASKET CARRIAGE.
ONE DUMP CART.
ONE SET OF ENGLISH HARNESS (New)
ONE SADDLE.
ONE DOUBLE BRIDLE.
ONE NO. 30 PLOUGH COMPLETE, as good as new.
H. B. GOOD, Pandora Street. ap14 1w*

New Advertisements.

NEW GOODS!

Just received by
Janion, Rhodes & Co
Per "CECROPS"

AND OTHER LATE ARRIVALS
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
DESIRABLE GOODS,

Which they offer in quantities to suit,
EITHER IN BOND OR DUTY PAID.

CONSISTING IN PART OF:

Men's Clothing,
Men's Underclothing and Hosiery—
very large asst. of Desirable Goods.

Printed Cottons,
Brown Cottons,
Fancy Woollen Shawls,
Fancy Balmoral Skirts,
Russia Linen Sheetings,

BLANKETS.

Green, Blue, White and Scarlet, 3 Points and 4 Points.

Paper Hangings,
In small cases, assorted qualities.

HATS and CAPS,
Men's and Boys', a very large assortment of New Styles.

CRUSHED SUGAR

In half-barrels

CANDLES,
Price's Belmont Sperm, Taylor's Leith Sperm and other Brands.

SALAD OIL,
Of Extra Quality, in half-pints, pints and quarts.

Fine Pearl Sago and Tapioca,
In 14lb Tins

OATMEAL,
Finest Scotch, in 25lb Tins.

PICKLES,
Pie Fruits, Sauces and a general assortment of Olives.

FANCY BISCUITS

MUSTARD,
J. & J. Coleman's, in pounds and half pounds.

STARCH,
J. & J. Coleman's in pounds and quarter pounds

SOAP,
Of Extra Quality, in 18 and 56lb boxes

ap14 **JANION, RHODES & CO.**

V. R.
ASSISTED
FEMALE IMMIGRATION.

FAMILIES DESIROUS OF OBTAIN-

ing Female Servants from England under the Government Grant, are requested to send in their applications addressed to the Immigration Board Office, Victoria, on or before the 1st May next. In the present early stage of the movement only a limited number can be procured. The whole expense of bringing out a servant is estimated at £175; of which the Government will pay a part and the Applicant the balance, viz. £30 in cash upon the acceptance of the application, and £20 by a promissory note on demand to the Secretary of the Board, payable on the arrival of the ship. It is proposed to pay to each person wages at the rate of from \$10 to \$12 a month, & \$50 of that portion of the Passage Money advanced by the applicant, to be repaid by instalments out of the wages of the female immigrant, who will be bound for two years. Printed forms of application may be obtained at Messrs Hubbs & Co's and at the Post Office, Victoria, and at the various Post Offices of the Mainland. The Board of Immigration will be happy to further the wishes of persons in the Colony who may be desirous of taking advantage of the opportunity thus afforded of bringing out relatives at their own expense. By order of the Board.
HENRY S. MASON, Secy. Victoria, 13th April, 1869. ap14

I. O. O. F.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY of this Order in America will be celebrated by the Members of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, on Monday, the 20th inst., by attending at the Lodge Room at 3 o'clock, p. m., when an address will be delivered by Brother the

REV. THOMAS SONERVILLE,
AFTER WHICH
A BANNER
Will be Presented to the Lodge by the Sisters of Rebekah.

A GRAND BALL

Will be given in the evening at the St. Nicholas Hall.
SOJOURNING BRETHREN
are cordially invited to attend

Tickets for the Ball may be had from the COMMITTEE:

CHARLES GOWEN, JACOB SEHL,
JOSHUA DAVIES, E. W. KEYSER,
JAMES FELL.

Only a limited number of Tickets will be disposed of.
Hall of Victoria Lodge No. 1, B. C., }
April 10th, 1869. ap12

FOR SALE,

ONE SUPERIOR BAY MARE, VERY

gentle, goes well in single or double harness and a first-rate riding hack for either lady or gentleman.

ONE CROCODON BASKET CARRIAGE.

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OFFER FOR SALE

EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

Prints, Dark, Fancy and Light
Grey Cotton,

French Merino, Alpaca, Coburgs
Camlets, Poplins, Plaids, &c.

Mohair Skirts; Irish Linen and Red
Flannel

Jackets, Mantels, Parasols, Chintz
Oiled Silk, Ribbons, Threads,
&c., &c.

Shawls

Wool, Tasmania, Saxony, &c., &c.

Blankets

9-4 & 10-4, White.

500 Boxes Price's Belmont Sperm
candles

Sardines, Albert's, hfs & qrs
Pickles, p/s

Figs, large and small boxes
Currants, Sultanias, Raisins

Vinegar, Malt
Meats and Soups

Sal Soda
Grain Sacks, 2-bushel, Twine, Seam-

ing and assorted
Chollett's compressed Vegetables

Beats, &c., &c.

Anchors with Test Certificates

Chains with Test Certificates

Sheet Lead, 4lb & 5lb

Shot, Ball and Brass Wire

Yellow Metal sheathing & Nails

Tin Plate, IX, Charcoal

Hemp & cotton seine Twine

Barbour's shoe Thread No 10,
Beached

Fish Lines, Hooks, &c.

Trousers, Pilot, Doe, Ribbed and Plain

Tweed, Black Cloth, Moleskins, &c.,

Vests, Black Cloth and Pilot

Hats, Hosiery, Regatta Shirts,
White do

Black & Red Cloth

Baltic Shirts, with and without Collars,
Over do., Serge do.

Inverness Capes, assorted

Boys' Suits a large assortment

Neckties, Umbrellas, Hdkfs, &c.

Hennessy Brandy

Jamaica Rum 30 O. P.

Port, Hunt's

Sherry, Duff Gordon's

Old Tom, Swaine, Board & Co's, case
and bulk.

Gin, Hollands, Red and Green, case and
bulk

Orange Bitters, Scotch Whiskey,
AND

GROCERIES

A Full Assortment.

HENRY NATHAN, Jr. & Co.
ap14 Wharf Street.

BARNARD'S EXPRESS

LINE STAGES.

The First Regular Weekly
STAGE

WILL LEAVE YALE ON
MONDAY, 12th APRIL,

For Freight or Passage Apply to
JOHN HENDERSON, Agent,
Victoria, V. I. ap6

THE SEED STORE, - - - - - YATES STREET

Springfield Nursery, - - - - - Cook street, and
James' Bay Nursery, - - - - - Michigan street,

VICTORIA, V. I.

JAY & BALES

In consequence of the increasing demand for their Seeds, and in order to retain the confidence of their customers have grown expressly for this Market and have now on hand
THE LARGEST, MOST RELIABLE AND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF
Colonial-raised Agricultural, Garden and Flower Seeds
Ever offered on this Coast.
Especially attention is called to their various GRASS AND OTHER FARM SEEDS, which are now, and first time in this Colony, Guaranteed of Home Growth.
A SPECIAL PRIZE was awarded them at Yale, and Honorary Certificate at Victoria Agricultural Shows of 1868 for the above.
J. & B. have received from Europe, overland, many Useful and Ornamental Novelties for amateur and professional Gardening
FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES, Garden and House Plants, Bulbs and other Nursery Stock securely packed, for Catalogues at the Store and Nurseries, as usual. fe3 d

New Advertisements.

Victoria Nursery & Seed Establishment.

MITCHELL & JOHNSTON

Offer for sale a full assortment of
New Seeds for the Farm and Garden,

The bulk grown by themselves and harvested in prime condition.

Their European Seeds Come via the Isthmus.

The stock of Grasses, Clovers, Lucerne, Trefoil, Turnips, Rape, Mangolds, Carrots, &c., is the most complete, choice and extensive ever offered in this Colony of Garden and Vegetable Seeds, the selection [including all the best kinds in cultivation] is unrivalled, and of

FLOWER SEEDS
Only the most beautiful kinds have been grown.

Just received per "Prince of Wales,"

Garden Ironmongery, Cutlery, Iron Hand-Lights, Flower Pots, &c.

Printed Catalogues to be had at the SEED STORE, Occidental Buildings, Fort street, or at NURSERY GROUNTS, Fort street. ju28 3md&w

COLONIAL HOTEL AND RESTAURANT

Government Street, Victoria, V. I.

This well-known Hotel has been enlarged by the addition of a Brick Building with

HANDSOMELY FURNISHED BEDROOMS AND PARLORS.

There are Eight Private Dining Rooms for Families

ap3 3m S. DRIARD, Proprietor.

C. F. BARNARD, M. D.

Mechanical & Surgical Dentist.

OFFICE:—Douglas street, first house on the right South of Fort street.

ALL BRANCHES OF THE PROFESSION skillfully executed. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of Chloroform, Ether, or "Rigolene Spray."

Charge for the Extraction of Adult Teeth and Child's Second Teeth, without "Spray" or Chloroform \$1 each. Charge for Fillings and other Work, reduced, so as to conform somewhat to the exigency of the times. Plates of Silver, Gold, or Vulcanite, neatly, strongly and satisfactorily repaired, whether partially broken or completely divided in two. Advice Gratis.

Victoria, V. I., B. C., Aug. 9th, 1867. ap10 1m

GEORGE ROBINSON.

Practical & Mechanical Dentist,

RESPECTFULLY INFORMS his patrons and the public that he contemplates leaving Victoria in a short time for a few months, and will feel obliged by an early visit from those who wish to avail themselves of his professional services, previous to his departure.

The business apparatus, &c., &c., of the old established "THEATRE PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY" to be disposed of upon reasonable terms. Parties indebted to the above are respectfully requested to make an early settlement, as all outstanding accounts will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection in a few days. m129

THE STEAMERS

ONWARD & LILLOOET

WILL MAKE

REGULAR TRIPS TO

YALE,

LEAVING

New Westminster

ON

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

FREIGHT..... \$12 per ton

PASSAGE..... 7 00

N. B. The above Steamers will not be responsible for Leakage of Liquids shipped in Tins or Glass. ap13 1r

Private Board & Lodging

AT

PANDORA HOUSE,

(Adjoining the Synagogue, Pandora St.)

THIS COMMODIOUS BRICK BUILDING has been specially opened by the Proprietor with a view of offering first-class accommodation to families and others visiting Victoria, as well as to permanent residents. The Rooms are spacious and Comfortably furnished and the Terms Moderate.

Under the management of
MRS H. B. GOOD. ap6

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ALL PERSONS HAVING C against me are requested to present the same with.

Victoria, V. I., B. C., 6th April, 1869. WM. m128

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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Friday Morning, April 16, 1869.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

April 15.—Smsr Gussie Telfair, Sholl, Nanaimo
CLEARED
April 15.—Sip Harriet, Kamlan, San Juan
Sip Minnie, Clary, P. R. Townsend
Schr Favorite, McKay, Guaymas
Smsr Gussie Telfair, Sholl, Portland

CONSIGNEES.

Per bark CAMDEN, from San Francisco.—D. Edwards, Fellow, Roscoe & Co, Moore & Co, Q. R. Carr, L. Boscowitz, O. Strauss, A. Casamano, G. B. A. S. & Co, Calro & Graciani, A. P. C. & B. K. P. H. I. Grelley & Filtore
Hows Whaling Co, D. D. McDonald, D. W. Higgins, E. Harrison, D. S. C. S. G. F. S., Hudson Bay Co, E. B. Marvin, T. S. & Co, M. O. J. W. H. Lewis

Auction Sale To-day.

LUMLEY FRANKLIN, Yates street, will sell, at Salesroom, at 12 o'clock noon, very desirable Properties situated in Victoria, Esquimalt and Saanich.

Address of the Clergy to the Bishop of Columbia.

Yesterday the Bishop of Columbia was the recipient of the following address from the Clergy of the Diocese:

To THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE, LORD BISHOP OF COLUMBIA.

Right Reverend Father in God:—We, the Clergy of your Diocese wish, as you leave us for a time, to express our affectionate regard and esteem for your Lordship personally.

Our appreciation of your work as Chief Pastor of the flock and fold of Christ in this portion of His Church, and that in times of trial and under circumstances of no small difficulty.

Our sincere hope that your patient labors at home in behalf of the Church in this Colony may be blessed without impairing that health and strength, which, for our Lord's work here, we value more highly than any degree of success elsewhere. And

Our assurance that our prayers shall follow you that God may prosper your work, may in all perils and dangers by land and sea have you in His holy keeping; and in due time restore to us him whom we have learned to love and esteem very highly for his works sake.

In conclusion, we ask you to convey to Mrs. Hills our best wishes for her health and preservation, and our hope to welcome her with your Lordship on your return.

EDWARD CRIDGE, B. A., Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria.
C. T. WOOD, M. A., Archdeacon of British Columbia and Rector of Holy Trinity, New Westminster.
WILLIAM S. REECE, M. A., A. K. C., Archdeacon of Vancouver, Missionary at Cowichan.
PETER VAL JENIS, Rector of St. John's, Victoria.
FRANK GRIMBLE, Priest at the Collegiate School and missionary Clergyman at Esquimalt.
W. E. HAYMAN, M. D., Assistant Minister at the Cathedral.
J. C. B. CAVE, Missionary Clergyman at Hope and Yale.
H. B. OWEN, Indian Mission, Victoria.

His Lordship responded as follows:

MY REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: I very highly value your kind expressions of confidence and regard, and Mrs. Hills joins with me in sincerely thanking you for your good wishes for our safe and prosperous journey to England. Any labor in repairing the resources of the Mission, I shall cheerfully undergo, bearing as I shall, constantly in mind, the ever active and earnest work of my fellow laborers who so much deserve to be sustained. Not only have you the usual trials of missions amongst the heathen and of all ministerial work, but you have also difficulties of a peculiar nature, more disheartening, so far as I have observed, than in any other Colony. The spirit of the world amongst us is more than usually unfavorable to religion, and in those who come to us from more favored lands there is a constant tendency to decline in moral and spiritual tone. These things, together with the sharp trials of a temporal depression, have called forth the necessity of more than usual patience and endurance. Our remedy under such circumstances is in faith and prayer, in considering our high and holy mission, and call to be fellow laborers with God in the ministry of His word and Sacraments, the divine promises, and in assurance that God will eventually bless and crown with success all faithful labors for His dear Son's sake; but we have also encouragements. We have the willing and valued co-operation of many of our lay brethren, and our work as a whole, and viewed in comparison with what it was a few years ago, bears evidence of having taken root by some manifest fruit, and a hopeful promise of greater things in the future. Let us thankfully dwell upon the good signs of God's presence with us, and be stirred up to greater devotion to our Master's service, more diligent heed to feed the flock of God, and to be by our lives to them an example of holy living and self-denial. May the Holy Spirit so work in us all to will and to do the good pleasure of our God. And now, dear brethren, "I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

ONE OBSTRUCTIVE SYSTEM DISCONTINUED.

Yesterday the Governor sent discretionary power to Mr. Hamley, Collector of Customs, concerning the system which requires the production of certificates from foreign collectors that goods taken out of our custom-houses in bond have been landed at the port of destination. Mr. Hamley at once decided to abolish the system and hereafter good may be cleared hence in bond without our officers being called upon to act the part of special revenue detectives for another nation. The abolition of this odious system was one of the points urged when the Drawbacks Bill came up. The concession is a great victory for the mercantile class, and shows what a little judicious pressure when brought to bear upon even the most obdurate and inefficient Executive will do. We advise our mercantile friends to continue their efforts towards a general relaxation of the oppressive measures which still bear heavily upon them, in the hope and belief that ere long there will be a modification and, at least, a partial return to Free Trade.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas arrived from Nanaimo last evening, bringing Messrs. Gerow, Stafford, Atkin, Bednall, Drinkwater, Ping, and several others as passengers, and a quantity of live stock. The news is unimportant.

The bark Alice M. Minot goes to Moody's, at Burrard Inlet, for a cargo.

ASSAULT ON FORT STREET.—William Barlow, better known as "Dutchy" and driver of one of the public hacks, appeared yesterday as complainant against Alexander Hardy, whom he charged with assaulting him on Tuesday last on Fort street. Mr. Bishop appeared for the defence. "Dutchy" testified that—

I was talking on Fort street when Mr. Hardy came up to me and said, 'If you don't pay me ten dollars I'll lick you to death.'

Magistrate—Did he beat you to death?
Witness—He knocked me over and pooted me.

Magistrate—Did what?

Witness—He pooted me.

Magistrate—Pooted you?

Witness—Yes, sir.

Magistrate—What do you mean by pooting?

Witness—Why, he pooted me—grieked me with his foot dis way (raising his foot and violently striking the side of the witness-box) and ten a lot of peebles comeed up and said, 'what for you giek to pay?'

Mr. Bishop pleaded guilty to the charge of striking; but urged in extenuation that Barlow owed his client money and would not pay him.

In cross-examination the witness acknowledged owing Hardy \$10, which he had repeatedly promised to pay, but failed to do so.

Mr. Bishop—Did you not promise to go into Quarles' and get the money, and then slip out the back way?

Witness—No, sir; I comeed out and told him the peys wouldn't let me haf it.

J. S. Deas saw the assault; the prisoner "whaled" Barlow; remonstrated with Hardy, when he expressed a desire to punish witness too, and witness left. The assault was very violent.

S. To son witnessed the assault, which he described as violent; Hardy said he was drunk, that he meant to remain drunk until he had whipped Barlow, and that he meant to whip him every time he saw him.

The Magistrate said he could see no extenuating circumstances connected with the case and sentenced Hardy to pay a fine of \$25, which he did and was discharged.

FIRE INQUEST.—Yesterday Mr. Pemberton summoned a jury and instituted an inquiry into the cause that led to the destruction of Montero's unoccupied house on Fort street, a few nights ago. The wife of the owner testified that the doors were safely locked the day before; and that a window, through which her children were in the habit of gaining access to the building was fastened by her. The origin of the fire, to the witness, was a mystery. The jury found that the fire was purposely caused; and suggested that, in future when houses are destroyed in a similar way, the Insurance companies rebuild them instead of paying the amount of the insurance; but when the value exceeds the insured figure, to extend the system might result unprofitably to the Insurance companies.

ANOTHER BARGAIN IN ISLANDS.—The Sorana guano islands, in the Caribbean Sea, have been fully recognized by the United States Government as United States territory, having been purchased for a company organized in New York. These islands, nearly on the direct route to Aspinwall, will make, it is stated, a better naval station than St. Thomas or any of the West Indies, and will be sold for that purpose at a nominal price as compared with that offered for St. Thomas. The group, eleven in number, enclosed, it is stated, a bay seventeen miles from east to west and nine miles from north to south, with a depth of water of from five to fifteen fathoms.

RETURN OF THE GUSSE TELAIR.—The steamer Gussie Telfair returned yesterday afternoon from ports on the Sound and Nanaimo. She reached the latter port on Sunday afternoon, and was placed on the beach on Monday, and the barnacles removed from her bottom. She took in 150 tons of coal for her own use, and left Nanaimo for Victoria at 5 1/2 o'clock yesterday morning. While lying at Nanaimo, most inclement weather was experienced. The wind was high and many inches of rain fell. On Wednesday a severe hailstorm occurred. The size of the hailstones was large and it is feared that severe damage is inflicted therefrom to the fruit trees and young crops.

THE DELUGER ENGINE was safely housed in the new location of the Company last evening at 7 1/2 o'clock. The Company mustered in strong force under Mr. Charles Howard, acting foreman. Among the guests were Chief Engineer Krimler, Asst. Engineer Vogel, Mr. Burnes, Foreman of the Tigera, Mr. Bunting, Foreman of the U. H. & L. Company, and many other firemen. Success to the Company, its officers and the Fire Department generally was drunk with enthusiasm. The new house is arranged with a view to the reception of the Company's new steam fire engine.

PROVOKING.—The telegraph, after a three-days' silence, yesterday announced the arrival of the Cricketers at San Francisco and their intention to play yesterday; and then towards evening, when we were anxiously looking for our special report, some hapless tree fell across the wire and cut off communication. We expect to receive full information to-day.

FOR GUAYMAS, MEXICO.—The Colonial schooner Favorite, Capt. McKay, will sail hence for Guaymas to-day. She is laden with Burrard Inlet lumber for Mr. J. R. Stewart of this city.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—Mr. Franklin will offer to-day four well situated lots on Ontario and Ottawa streets, James Bay—two of the number being corner lots; suburban section No. 47, adjacent to Col. Foster's residence, Esquimalt, containing over six acres of garden land; section 15, 2 W, South Saanich, fronting on the Inlet, and containing about 43 acres. The terms are liberal, and the sale offers superior advantages to buyers.

PETTY SESSIONS.—An adjourned Petty Sessions was held yesterday in the Police Court, Messrs. Pemberton and McDonald on the Bench. Mr. Courtney applied on behalf of Mr. Stevens, Halfway House, Saanich Road, for permission to transfer his license to Mr. Williams, father-in-law of the applicant; The application was refused on the ground that Williams could not remain on the premises to attend to the business.

COURT OF REVISION.—We learn that Messrs D. Cameron, W. J. McDonald, and Dr. Helmsken have received notification of their appointment as members of the Municipal Court of Revision under the amended Ordinance. Dr. Helmsken has declined the appointment in consequence of professional engagements.

VISITORS.—A number of Skagit Indians, upon a visit to the Songish tribe, arrived in canoes yesterday morning. Cards are out for a grand potlach at the Indian village to-day.

SOOKR.—The bark Cecrops will complete her cargo to-morrow at Sooke, and will sail next week for Valparaiso. She has on board 300,000 feet of lumber.

THE latest Spring Styles of Mens' and Boys' Straw and Felt Hats, direct from New York and England, have just been opened out at Adams & Beavan's, Government street.

THE retail drapers will close their stores during the summer months at 7 o'clock in the evening, except on Saturday, when they will close at 2 1/2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A. GILMORE, Tailor, wishes to inform his friends and the public that he is selling off the balance of his winter stock at cost to make room for spring goods.

THE U. S. R. C. Lincoln, Capt. Selden, sailed from San Francisco for Victoria on Monday. She will spend the summer on the Sitka station.

THE bark General Cobb was towed by the Isabel to Sayward's mills at Saanich, yesterday.

By Electric Telegraphic

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES

Eastern States.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day. J. Lathrop Motley, Minister to England; G. C. Cyprian, Minister to Russia; John Jay, of New York as Minister to Austria; Leopold Markbeek of Oregon as Minister to Bolivia; J. K. Clay of Louisiana (colored) to Liberia; Silas A. Hudson, (colored) of Iowa, to Guatemala; E. D. Basile, (colored) of Pennsylvania, to Hayti; Oran E. Jacobs and J. K. Kennedy as Associate Justices of the Washington Territory.

The Supreme Court has rendered a decision in the case of the State of Texas against George W. White and others. The suit was to restrain defendants from receiving payment from the national Government to certain Texas indemnity bonds of the United States which plaintiff claims to belong to the State. The bonds were sold by the rebel Legislature and the reconstructed State Government seeks to prevent their payment. The opinion of the court is that the State of Texas is entitled to relief sought by the bill, and decree is ordered accordingly.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The Post says it is reported that a fast privateer of seven hundred tons built in New York recently to aid the Cuban insurgents. It is said after leaving port a number of guns were put on board. She took 120 men. A meeting of the Cuban Junta was held to-day. Proceedings were secret, but it is intimated that a strong Cuban expedition has sailed from a southern port under the command of a distinguished American officer. Both branches of the City Council to-day adopted resolutions of sympathy with the Cuban patriots.

A fire at Hancock, Mich., destroyed six blocks, containing over 110 houses, barns, &c.; only a few buildings remain. Total loss, half a million.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The following nominations were sent to the Senate.—T. H. Nelson, of Indiana, as Minister to Mexico; Henry Sandford, as Minister to Spain; Horace Rubler, of Wisconsin, as Consul to Switzerland; W. A. Pike, of Missouri as Minister to Brazil; Freeman H. Morse, of Maine, as Consul General at London.

The Senate, after debate, rejected the Alabama Treaty with only one dissenting vote. Wm. A. Howard, of Michigan, is nominated as Minister to China, vice J. Ross Browne.

Lemuel Lyton, of Oregon, is nominated as Consul to Kanagawa, Japan, and E. G. Parker as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Only two nominations were confirmed by the Senate to-day.—J. L. Motley, as Minister to England, and John Jay as Minister to Austria.

The only speech made in the Senate to-day on the Alabama claims was by Sumner, who spoke for nearly two hours. He took the ground that the treaty could not be considered a settlement of the pending question between the two countries. It was merely a settlement of individual claims on both sides. The case against England was elaborately presented, including the British proclamation of neutrality, and permitting of the building and equipment of privateers in British ports, which had the effect of prolonging the war two years. He claimed that the British government should be made to respond in damages not only to underwriters but also to the national government. He estimated our losses at \$100,000,000.

On the conclusion of Sumner's speech several Senators briefly endorsed it, and expressed satisfaction at the temperate and instructive view presented.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The Herald says, the Senate has dispensed the fiction that the Alabama claims constituted merely an international account easily adjusted.

The Tribune thinks the vote is so emphatic as to enable the English to comprehend at least the truth. The World thinks the prospect of satisfactory settlement under Grant's administration is slender.

Europe.

LONDON, April 12.—At a meeting of 200 Conservative members of Parliament to-day Disraeli in a speech indicated the future of the policy of his party on the Irish Church question and announced the amendments which will be proposed by the opposition to the bill now pending in the House of Commons, which are in effect that the grant made to the Irish Church since the Reformation shall remain intact; the glebe land to be retained by the present holders without purchase. Union of the Irish Church with the Church of England to cease. Important modifications of financial sections of the bill are proposed, including the establishment of a capital for the support of the clergy and the application of a large portion of the Church revenue to the support of public worship and to defray the expenses of management of the Church. Finally an effort will be made to strike out all clauses referring to the Maynooth grants and the Raginn donum plan. It was favorably received, and the meeting was marked by much enthusiasm.

The Pope on the occasion of the jubilee granted pardon to many prisoners, including a number of political offenders.

PARIS, April 13.—The Emperor has ordered an increased pension of the surviving soldiers of the Republic and First Empire to date from the 15th of April, in celebration of the centenary birthday of Napoleon the First.

LONDON, April 13.—The election of members of the Portuguese Cortes resulted in the choice of a large majority favoring the present Government.

Cuba.

HAVANA, April 13.—The journals praise the course of the American government in reference to Cuba.

A Spanish war steamer was captured by the insurgents on the south side of the island. The crew of the Mary Lowell has been released.

The authorities are aware of movements of the reputed expedition under Steadman.

South America.

News from Rio Janeiro says an expedition consisting of 12,000 men is preparing to march to the interior in search of Lopez.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Greenbacks 76 buying, 77 selling.

The U. S. steamer Saginaw arrived from Sitka to-day via Victoria.

The Revenue Cutter Lincoln sailed for Alaska to-day, carrying the revenue officers for the Islands of St. Pauls and St. George. She will visit Forts Wrangle and Tongas, Sitka and Kodiak.

The mail steamer Golden City arrived from Panama this evening at 7 o'clock.

The schooner Mary A. Ellen, with a cargo of saltpetre was almost totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon at the foot of Clay street wharf. Loss \$20,000.

The steamer Saginaw arrived from Victoria to-day. Among her passengers are the Victoria Cricket team. The match will take place on Thursday.

Arrived—Bark Florence, 20 days from Seabee; bark Carlotta from Port Blakely.

Sailed, April 11.—Ship Revere, Port Townsend; barkentine Emma Anzusa, Port Madison; bark Banks, Utsalady; bark Chris Mitchell, Port Madison.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—Flour—Sales small. No change in quotations. Wheat—Quiet at \$1 30/1 60. Barley—Dull at \$1 65/1 22.

New York Gold, 132 1/2 @ 133 1/2. Wheat—Dull, unchanged.

Flour—Quiet, prices unchanged. Liverpool wheat 9-11.

Arrived—April 15.—Bark Gold Hunter, Port Madison; April 13.—Bark Milan, Teek-alot.

A Mr. Wust, of Vienna, recently committed suicide by hanging himself; before adjusting the fatal rope he collected all his correspondence, jewels, etc., representing several millions of florins, and set fire to the heap.

New Advertisements.

WALTHAM WATCHES.

The extensive use of these watches for the last fifteen years by Railway Conductors, Engineers, and Expressmen, the most exacting of watch wearers, has thoroughly demonstrated the strength, steadiness, durability and accuracy of the Waltham Watch. To satisfy that class in all these respects, is to decide the question as to the real value of these timekeepers.

The superior organization and great extent of the Company's Works at Waltham, enable them to produce watches, COMBINING THE BEST AND LATEST IMPROVEMENT, and at a price which renders competition futile, and those who buy any other watch, merely pay from 25 to 50 per cent. more for their watches than is necessary. For sale by all dealers.

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40 doz. White Shirts—Buck Gloves

150 " Assorted Half-hose

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35 " Assorted Baltic Shirts

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Carpets, Bedsteads, Hair, Pulu and other Beds, Pillows, Blankets, Sheets, Counterpanes, Large Pier and other Looking Glasses, Clocks, Scaffs, Arm, Wood and Cane-seat Chairs, Couches, Round, Centre, Card and other Tables, Washstand and Furniture, Benches, Caraffes, Stoves, Coal Oil Lamp, Engravings, Etc., Etc.

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